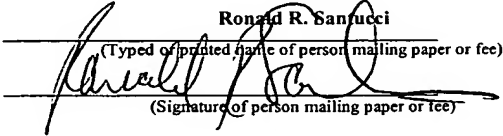
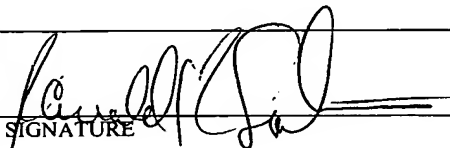


FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 1-2003)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 930092-2008	
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/520231	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/ZA2003/000068		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 27 May 2003 (27.05.2003)		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 05 July 2002 (05.07.2002)	
TITLE OF INVENTION MEDICAL TUBE RETAINING DEVICE					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US André Johan TALJAARD					
<p>Applicants herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected. 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. (INCLUDING FORM 1449) 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. EXPRESS MAIL 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Datasheet under 37 CFR 1.76. Mailing Label Number: EV19587518SUS 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. Date of Deposit: January 4, 2005 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825. "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Ronald R. Sanfucci (Typed or printed name of person mailing paper or fee)</p>  (Signature of person mailing paper or fee)</div> <p>International Search Report; check for \$540</p>					

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Basic national fee	\$300.00		\$300.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Examination fee	\$200.00		\$200.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) Search fee	\$500.00		\$500.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS=				\$1,000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
- 100=	/50=		x \$250.00	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	20 - 20=		x \$50.00	\$	
Independent claims	2 - 3=		x \$200.00	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,000.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$500.00	
SUBTOTAL =				\$500.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
				+	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$500	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignments (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$40	
				+	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$540.00	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				Amount to be charged:	\$
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$540.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>					
<p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>Ronald R. Santucci Frommer Lawrence & Haug LLP 745 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10151</p> <p>January 4, 2005</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>Ronald R. Santucci</p> <p>NAME</p> <p>28,988</p> <p>REGISTRATION NUMBER</p>		